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NEWCOMER SUPPORT

Funds to go toward education, settlement



Braeden Jones Metro | Winnipeg

The Manitoba government announced new spending to enhance education support for newcomers to the province.

The \$1.6-million price tag includes \$750,000 for schools to receive and assess refugee students and \$450,000 to increase English as a second language resources.

Premier Greg Selinger said Monday the province is trying to work closely with schools and community partners "to ease (children's) transition into the classroom.

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The number of government-assisted Syrian refugees in Manitoba

"(It's) an initial assessment to help (schools) get a precise idea of where (students) need to start to do well in school here," Selinger said. "Some will need to catch up ... but the whole point is to give an accurate idea of what support they need to succeed in our schools."

A further \$300,000 is going into the Intensive Newcomer Support Grant program for refugees and kids from war-torn countries and \$50,000 is for the Peaceful Village and Manitoba School improvement program.

Both the Newcomer Employment and Education Develop-

has committed in support of refugees since September

ment Services (NEEDS) centre and the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization received \$25,000.

Matt Fast of NEEDS said the funds will "alleviate some of the many challenges youth face when integrating into a new school and a new society."

"Language barriers, interrupted schooling and feelings of isolation or not fitting in are just some of the many challenges newcomer youth are faced with," he said, adding for the more than 90 youth NEEDS assists, a little funding will go a long way.



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The Ringling Bros. Circus will end elephant acts in May amid increased scrutiny over animal rights.

Marriage licences now transgender inclusive



Braeden Jones Metro | Winnipeg

Transgender Manitobans wanting to change their gender identity on marriage registrations have been unable to do so, until now.

The Manitoba government announced Monday that eligible applicants will be able to change sex designations on the official documents starting March 1, 2016.

Mike Tuthill, executive director of the Rainbow Resource Centre, called the rule change a 'significant" step, adding that it's "good to know that the official steps or paperwork continue to be streamlined."

"We are pleased to see the province continue to move forward with changes the transgender community has been asking for," he added.

The province will also issue a "change of sex designation certificate" to eligible residents born outside of Manitoba, if the individual is a Canadian citizen.

Minister Ron Lemieux said the new approach respects Manitoba's Human Rights Code and reflect consultations with stakeholders and health-care professionals. Lemieux said allowing changes on marriage registration is further implementing "changes identified by the transgender community."

Last year, the province eliminated the need for proof of surgery for transgender individuals to change birth documents.



We are pleased to see the province continue to move forward with changes.

Mike Tuthill

City seeks a green light on two projects

Administration wants to go ahead despite inquiry, reports



Stephanie Taylor Metro | Winnipeg

City administration want to forge ahead with controversial plans to take land for two mega-capital projects, despite scathing reviews of how the expropriation process has been handled.

Two administrative reports headed to Tuesday's standing policy committee on property and development ask the committee not to endorse recommended changes to the current expropriation plans, as outlined by independent inquiry officer George Ulyatt.

An inquiry was held into the expropriation planned for the second phase of the rapid transit expansion and the Pembina Highway Underpass after 11 of 35 affected landowners objected.

A hearing was also called to determine whether plans to expropriate 6.7 hectares of what's known as the Parker Lands is "fair and reasonably necessary," in order to build a retention pond for a new drainage project that would provide flood relief in the Cockburn-Calrossie area.



The city's administration recommends not changing the city's plans for expropriating land for the second phase of rapid transit. HANDOUT

In terms of that project, Ulyatt wrote city officials, including former-acting chief operating officer Deepak Joshi, was "secretive, uncommunicative and non-consultative" with property developer Andrew Marquess.

Ulyatt said the city failed to prove expropriation was appropriate, but acknowledged the infrastructure upgrades are needed for the area and the city "ought to consider all other options and alternatives in light of circumstances concerning this proposed taking.

"It's one thing for an inquiry officer to say, 'Oh, just don't do this,' but there's a lot of public benefit

We need to proceed with the rapid-transit project.

Coun. Jenny Gerbasi

to having these combined sewers in place in terms of basement flooding," committee member Coun. Jenny Gerbasi said Monday.

She added, "It is a pretty delicate subject to talk about because there could be legal issues."

City staff agree, saying that holding off on expropriating the

lands necessary for either the drainage project or rapid transit expansion would result in major construction delays.

For example, on the second phase of the rapid transit development Ulyatt criticizes that the city "failed to examine and pursue options," in terms of plans to take lands at 1833 Pembina Highway, and recommends alternative sites be explored.

"We need to proceed with the rapid transit project or it will cost massive amounts to revisit everything and I'm not sure that there's a justification for that based on what's in front of us,'

IDENTIFICATION

Province planning to combine licences, cards

The Manitoba government is planning to combine drivers' licences and health cards into an all-in-one identification card.

Health Minister Sharon Blady says by the fall of 2017, the combined card will integrate people's health identification numbers onto the back of driver's licences.

Anyone without a licence will be allowed to add health information to a provincial identification card.

Blady says the combined card will be more convenient and will use technology to prevent fraud and identity theft.

The announcement is one of many being made by the NDP government in advance of the April 19 election.

Under provincial law, most government announcements must stop 90 days before an election, and that will kick in Jan. 19. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lots of controversy averted

Proposal to split property denied by committee



Stephanie Taylor Metro | Winnipeg

The nearly 100 residents who publicly opposed a plan to divide a lot in their Fort Garry neighbourhood into two smaller properties have successfully won their appeal.

The issue was heard before Monday's appeals standing committee, with more than 40 residents in attendance.

Monday's committee heard from several speakers, who argued Dueck Homes' plans to split a single 60-foot lot at 933 Somerset Ave. into two 30-foot lots would set a new precedent and drastically alter the area's park-like atmosphere. The committee then found the proposal in violation of a bylaw that mandates certain subdivision lots must be at least 35 feet.



Residents were worried this lot would be split into two. GOOGLE MAPS

"We're very pleased (the decision) will protect the character of our neighbourhood," Kathryn Labiuk said later. "It was way too small for the neighbourhood."

However, during the hearing councillors Janice Lukes and Scott Gillingham both underlined the need for the



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Kathryn Labiuk

city to develop an infill policy, which would set neighbourhood-specific guidelines for new developments in residential areas.

"Because we don't have an infill policy, it's very subjective," Lukes said of the appeals

City planner Mike Robinson

agreed, saying an infill policy would establish rules for determining what the appropriate lot sizes should be for an area, as well as what designs fit with existing developments.

He said staff are currently working to develop the policy and plan to head to public consultation in the spring.

SEINE RIVER

Pinkos running for NDP

Manitoba New Democrats have chosen a candidate to run in the seat held by a former cabinet minister who came close to unseating Premier Greg Selinger.

Lise Pinkos is unopposed for the NDP nomination in Seine River and is to be officially given the nod Jan. 24.

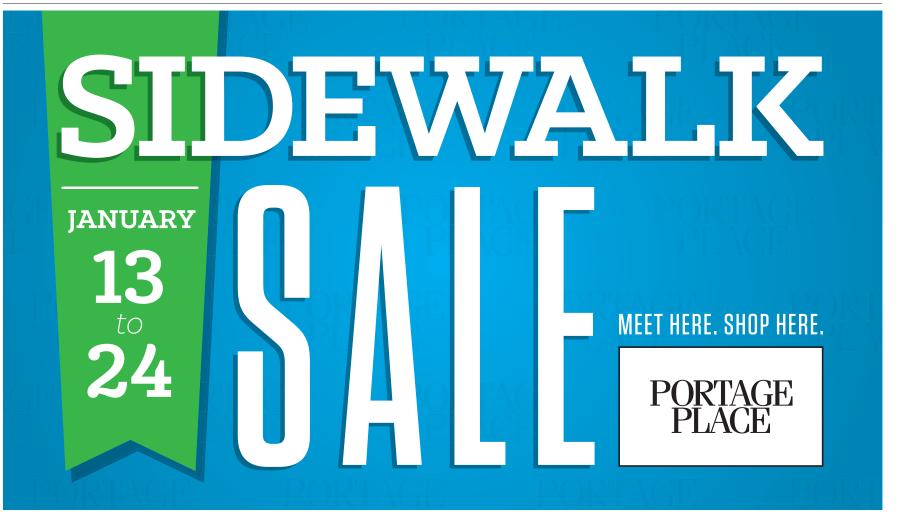
The seat is currently held by Theresa Oswald, who came within 33 votes of ousting Selinger at a party convention last March. Oswald announced in October she would not be running in the election April 19.

Pinkos is an assistant manager of learning for the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Pinkos will face Progressive Conservative candidate Janice Morley-Lecomte, a counsellor at a women's shelter, and Liberal Peter Chura, a former television news anchor.

Opinion polls suggest NDP support has plummeted since the government raised the provincial sales tax in 2013

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Eadie suspension a 'witch hunt': Wyatt



Stephanie **Tavior** Metro | Winnipeg

A Winnipeg councillor has branded the suspension of a colleague from the city's police board as a McCarthy-style witch hunt.

Russ Wyatt raised the issue during Monday's protection, community services and parks meeting.

When speaking with reporters afterwards, Wyatt said because there are currently no charges made known against Coun. Ross Eadie over his behaviour during a drunken night last November, he questions the "end game" of Eadie's current suspension and ongoing inquiry into his actions.

He has not been charged with breaking the law, he has publicly admitted that he made a mistake. He publicly apologized," Wyatt said.

"Right now, it strikes me as bit of a McCarthy witch hunt that's going on, to be frank.'

Last week, police board vice chairman Barry Tuckett confirmed Eadie was asked to refrain from participating in any board activities several days after an incident on Nov. 7.

That night, Eadie said, he passed out in the back of a taxi after drinking heavily, and when the driver was unable to wake him, police were called and he was taken to the drunk tank.

On Monday, Wyatt called into question the motive behind the suspension and reason it is still ongoing months after the original incident took

He pointed to one possible explanation being a difference in politics between Eadie and police board chairman Scott Gillingham, executive director Don Norquay, and mayor Brian Bowman.

"You've got (Eadie) in his crosshairs, why don't you see if you can pull the trigger? Maybe that's what this is about.'



The Downtown BIZ hopes to fill dreary back alleys such as this with people and dynamic, artistic concepts. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Alley beautification pending approval

COUNCIL

Project would create public art spaces in back lanes



Braeden Jones Metro | Winnipeg

Stephanie Voyce thinks back alleys have kind of a bum rap but she and Downtown Winnipeg BIZ plan to fix that with the Backlane Public Art Project.

"There is really an opportunity in the back lanes to do something," said Voyce, the

Downtown Winnipeg BIZ project manager for the concept. "We know there are thousands of people coming back from Jets games and other events, and these back lanes are being used ... so wouldn't it be great if it was a wonderful experience?"

The Backlane Public Art Project is meant to transform the lane behind Dollarama and Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC), North of Portage Avenue with an art installation of some

Launched during a back alley bash to celebrate the 103rd Grey Cup in Winnipeg, the national design competition is seeking submissions currently for "a piece of art or spatial develop-

There is really an opportunity in the back lanes to do something.

Stephanie Voyce

ment" to make the alley "dynamic" and "exciting."

The back alley bash was held in the same location - but it was gussied up with lighting, seating, vegetation and performers for the night.

Ken Berg, the store manager of the Portage Avenue MEC, said there was a good crowd, and "positive energy."

"People were excited to be in the space," he said. "Anything that makes the area more inviting for people ... is a positive thing for the area, and a positive thing for us as individual businesses.'

The successful submission for the design contest - which opened Nov. 28 and closes March 31 — will receive a \$35,000 budget - \$5,000 of which is considered a bursary leaving \$30,000 to get the job

The Downtown Winnipeg BIZ will present a funding proposal to city council for \$20,000 of that budget Tuesday and is fundraising for the remainder within the business community.



Russ Wyatt says Ross Eadie should not have been suspended from the police board. METRO FILE



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Hostage freed

COLIN RUTHERFORD

Canadian released after being seized by Taliban in 2010

A Canadian man captured by the Taliban in 2010 has been

Colin Rutherford was on a private vacation in Afghanistan when he was seized by the militant group in November of that year.

The last indication the Toronto man's family had that he was alive came in a 2011 video released by insurgents where he answered questions; an accompanying email accused Rutherford, then 26, of being a spy.

In the video, Rutherford insisted he was not a spy and had travelled to Afghanistan to study historical sites, old buildings and shrines.

Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion announced Rutherford's release in a brief statement, but did not explain what

Tuesday could be the

day that the influx of

Syrian refugees hits

the 10,000 mark, but

resettlement groups

are now looking far

beyond that milestone.

on the Immigration

Department's website

suggests the 10,000th

Syrian will arrive on one of two

flights bound for Toronto on

Tuesday, though the department

could not confirm that number.

Flight arrival data



Colin Rutherford FACEBOOK

steps were taken to secure his freedom - only that it involved the government of Qatar.

He says he was "very pleased" that efforts undertaken to get him out proved successful.

"We look forward to Mr. Rutherford being able to return to Canada and reunite with his family and loved ones," Dion said.

Rutherford was working as an auditor with the Canadian Circulations Audit Board in Toronto when he went on vacation to Afghanistan in 2010.

"This is great news," said Tim Peel, the company's vice-

is how many more

privately sponsored

refugees will be ac-

cepted after the end

There are upward

of 200 applications a

week being submit-

ted by private groups

looking to sponsor

of February.

Syrians, said Chris Friesen, the

president of the Canadian Im-

migration Settlement Sector Al-

liance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Syrian refugee count

approaching 10,000

Number of Syrians that had

arrived in

Canada as of Jan. 7.

president said in an email. "We wish him a safe and speedy return and would like to thank all the parties involved in securing his freedom.'

Peel did not respond to questions about whether Rutherford's job still exists.

The involvement of Qatar in Rutherford's release is not entirely surprising. The Persian Gulf country has at times quietly played mediator between western governments and the Taliban — even helping to facilitate peace negotiations between governments in Kabul and the hardline insurgency.

Whether any ransom was paid remains an important question.

In securing the release of Canadian diplomats Bob Fowler and Louis Guay from the clutches of al-Qaida's North African branch in 2009, the previous Conservative government denied making any payment. But an al-Qaida letter to the original kidnappers, obtained by The Associated Press in northern Mali in 2013, said it received \$1 million for the pair. THE CANADIAN PRESS



IN BRIEF

Detain immigrant children as last resort: Red Cross

Canada should lock up child immigrants only as a "last resort" and must find alternatives to detention for such vulnerable newcomers, the Red Cross says in its latest confidential inspection report.

Many of the humanitarian organization's findings remain "largely unaddressed," with some requiring "urgent attention," says the report. It also called for an to the practice of holding detainees in provincial jails. THE CANADIAN PRESS







1 Pediatric surgeons learning hands-on Doctors from all over the world did a handson surgical training for congenital heart disease surgery with 3D print models.

2 Performing the complex procedure

The Norwood Procedure is performed on a 3D model of a newborn heart with hypoplastic left heart syndrome at the Hospital for Sick Children, In Toronto, on Thursday.

3 Heart-to-heart

Dr. Shi-Joon Yoo, a cardiac radiologist at SickKids who produced the hearts.

3D-printed hearts help surgeons

The pediatric surgeons hover over a tiny heart, gently retracting delicate inner structures and attaching a graft with impossibly intricate stitches to repair a congenital defect that would mean certain death within days

But this heart isn't inside the chest cavity of a newborn; it's a 3D-printed model being used at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto to train cardiac surgeons from around the world in some of the most complex operations they will ever perform during their careers.

About a dozen trainees from Canada and such coun-

This is a good way to practise it when the consequences are not dire.

Dr. Glen Van Arsdell

tries as Norway, Oman, Mexico and the United States - have come to watch master surgeons demonstrate the highly complicated techniques used to repair a number of congenital heart abnormalities and to safely practise those skills on models of

Three-dimensional copies have been created of five hearts from real infants with cardiac anomalies using a high-tech 3D-printer, which almost perfectly reproduces the organ's structure using a photopolymer resin, based on sophisticated MRI and CT imaging.

"Each of the models represents a very specific form of disease that is very different," says Dr. Glen Van Arsdell, chief of cardiovascular surgery at Sick Kids. "I can look at the model and tell you what the diagnosis is.'

The 3D-printed hearts were produced by Dr. Shi-Joon Yoo, a cardiac radiologist at the hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MISSING AND MURDERED WOMEN

Yukon a first stop for pre-inquiry

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Families of missing and murdered indigenous women in Yukon are meeting privately with federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett in Whitehorse. The gathering is part of

preliminary meetings held across the country by Bennett prior to the launch of a national inquiry into missing women.

Kwanlin Dun First Nation Chief Doris Bill is pleased that

Yukon is one of the first stops in the pre-inquiry process and says families are anxious to speak directly with the minister and share their views on the shape of a national inquiry. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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Protesters opposing the PEGIDA movement (Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamization of the Occident) attend a counter rally in Leipzig Monday. Public anger runs high over the Cologne

Don't seek revenge: Germany

A string of attacks on women in Cologne on New Year's Eve blamed largely on foreigners was "intolerable," Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman said Monday, but added nothing excuses retaliatory assaults on immigrants.

Merkel has proposed making it easier to deport immigrants involved in crimes. But after Cologne police said a group of Pakistanis and a Syrian were attacked in the city on Sunday, Steffen Seibert said Germans must not blame all the nearly 1.1 million migrants who entered the country last year, and said the government is also focused on their welfare.

We're doing all of these things to protect the population in Germany," he said. "We

There is no justification for ... agitation against foreigners.

Justice Minister Heiko Maas

are also doing this for the great majority of innocent refugees who have sought refuge from bombs and war in our country.'

The six Pakistani nationals were attacked Sunday by around 20 people, and two of them were briefly admitted to a hospital, police said. Also Sunday evening, five people attacked a Syrian man, who was injured but didn't need treatment.

The New Year's Eve assaults

stoked tensions over Germany's open-door policy to refugees and prompted politicians to call for tougher laws against migrants who commit crimes.

"As abominable as the crimes in Cologne and other cities were, one thing remains clear: there is no justification for blanket agitation against foreigners," Justice Minister Heiko Maas said.

Authorities and witnesses said the New Year's Eve attackers were among a group of about 1,000 people, described as predominantly Arab and North African men, who gathered at Cologne's central train station. Some broke off into small groups and groped and robbed women, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Swedish police accused of coverup of assaults

Swedish police face allegations of a coverup for failing to publicly report sexual assaults against teenage girls at a music festival last August.

The newspaper Dagens Nyheter (which reported the incidents in connection with attacks on women in Cologne, Germany) cited officials saving police are reluctant to speak about crimes linked to migrants for fear of playing into the far right. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISIL says it's behind Baghdad mall attack

At least 18 killed by bombs, guns

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group claimed responsibility for the Baghdad mall attack that killed 18 people on Monday. Gunmen stormed into the Jawhara Mall after setting off a car bomb and launching a suicide attack at its entrance.

Iraqi officials say the attack, which lasted over an hour, killed at least 18 people and wounded 50 in the city's mainly Shiite

The ISIL statement, posted online shortly after the attack, said a car bomb and four ISIL fighters carried out the attack, targeting an area where many Shiite Muslims are known to gather and warned of "worse" to come. Iraqi officials say the attack was carried out by seven men, one of whom died when he detonated his explosive vest at the start of the attack. The conflicting accounts could not



People gather in front of targeted mall in Baghdad.

immediately be reconciled.

Iraqi officials initially described the attack as a hostage situation, estimating that 50 people were trapped inside the complex. But Iraqi forces soon surrounded the building and landed troops on the roof. They clashed with the attackers inside, killing two of them, and arresting the other four.

At least four police officers were among those killed in the assault, according to police and medical officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief

reporters.

Following the attack, authorities shut down the city's highly fortified Green Zone, home to a number of foreign embassies and most of the country's political elite. A number of major roads, shopping malls and bridges around the Iraqi capital were also closed for fear of followup attacks.

Also on Monday evening, a car bomb in southeast Baghdad in a crowded market area killed five and wounded 12, according to hospital and police officials.



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'Nothin' to hide': Penn

Actor Sean Penn said he has "nothin' to hide," after images published Monday indicated

he was under súrveillance when he met with the Mexican actress who led him to Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman — and the pair was apparently followed and photographed as they set out for the supposedly **Sean Penn.** secret meeting with AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE the drug lord.

Penn also dismissed criticism over his interview with the fugitive, who was captured Friday, a day before Penn's 10,000-word story was published in Rolling

Mexican officials said contacts between Guzman's lawyers and Penn and actress Kate del Castillo helped them track down the fugitive. His capture came six months through a mile-long

his cell at the maximum-security Altiplano prison, west of Mexico City. He is back at the same prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

after his dramatic escape tunnel he dug from

Beefindustry cuts gases

ENVIRONMENT

Results due to switching feed from grass to grains: Study

Canada's cattle industry is producing more beef with less greenhouse-gas emissions, says a new study.

Researchers at the University of Manitoba and Agriculture Canada found a 15 per cent reduction in methane emissions on a production basis between 1981 and 2011, and a 16 per cent cut in nitrous dioxide from manure.

The results were achieved partly by feeding cattle grain instead of grass and other forage when they are being fattened before slaughter, says the study published in the journal Animal Production Science.

"A lot of our efficiencies in Canada have to do with the use of grain in feedlot diets," Tim McAllister, a research scientist with Agriculture Canada, said

"They get more energy from

it and with less digestive problems."

Changes in management practices have allowed cattle to be sent for slaughter at a younger age, around 18 months, rather than 24 months in the past.

The study compared the cattle herd, the amount of land required for beef production

and the change in greenhousegas emissions in the production of Canadian beef.

The results show the industry has become more efficient, with about 15 per cent less emissions overall.

"A significant reduction in GHG

intensity over the past three decades occurred as a result of increased daily gain and slaughter weight, improved reproduction efficiency, reduced time to slaughter, increased crop yields and a shift toward high-grain diet that enabled cattle to be marketed at an earlier age," reads the study.

The beef industry accounts for 3.6 per cent of Canada's total greenhouse-gas emissions, a figure that hasn't changed much over the years, McAllister said.

Agriculture Canada once estimated that one lactating dairy cow produces a similar amount of greenhouse-gas emissions as a mid-sized vehicle driven

20,000

Agriculture Canada once

estimated a single lactat-ing dairy cow produces a

similar amount of green-

house-gas emissions as a mid-sized car driven 20,000 km in one year.

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The Canadian Cattlemen's Association hopes the study helps counter some of the criticism the beef industry has received over the years

about how it affects the environment.

Tom Lynch-Staunton, an association spokesman, said many producers have changed how they operate. "It tells us that our changes in management practices are actually having a positive impact," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Canadian cattle account for 3.6 per cent of the country's total greenhouse-gas emissions, according to a research scientist with Agriculture Canada. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE



E-SPORTS

Cineplex gets into gaming tournaments

Cineplex has launched its first national video-game tournament to help fill seats at its chain of theatres. The company is offering \$50,000 in prizes in one-on-one matchups of Call of Duty: Black Ops III. The tournament will begin Saturday with qualifying rounds to be played online, followed by matches at 24 theatres next month and a final event on March 6. Sony is the lead sponsor, and the competition will take place on PlayStation 4 consoles. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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the big number



That's the windfall David Bowie made by issuing "Bowie Bonds" tied to his future royalties in 1997. The singer was ahead of his time not only when it came to music, gender expression and enormous pants, but also in terms of securitization, the process of taking real-life assets and turning them into financial instruments. Bowie Bonds let the artist raise money without selling the rights to his work or having to wait for royalties to roll in. People who bought in received a portion of the future sales of music from Bowie's 25-album, 21-year back catalogue over a 10-year period. The bonds paid a 7.9 per cent yield, and though they didn't perform as well as expected — the industry soon came under pressure from pirates — the idea caught on. Iron Maiden, James Brown and Rod Stewart got on the bond-issuing bandwagon. Soon securities promising future profits from everything from time-share loans to racehorse sperm flooded the market. (And subprime mortgages, too, though that's another story). Bowie had foreseen the ch-ch-changes in the music business, telling the New York Times in 2002 that "The absolute transformation of everything that we ever thought about music will take place within 10 years ... just take advantage of these last few years because none of this is ever going to happen again." SOURCE: BLOOMBERG

A bigger down payment is actually a good thing



Diane Baker Mason For Metro

It's a common misconception that buying a house is always a good investment.

This myth has been bolstered over the last decade by skyrocketing housing prices, with nearly frantic buyers borrowing disproportionate amounts of money in order to "enter the market," with

If this banquet ends with a crash, even those of us who never borrowed a penny will be chipping in to pay the bill.

down payments of as little as five per cent.

Meanwhile, lenders banks and trust companies are happy to hand out money.

Why? Because they aren't the ones facing the risk, in the event of a crash. That risk is in the hands of the lenders' default insurers, including the crown corporation, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation — our corporation.

Mortgage default insurance has been around for decades, and is not in itself a bad thing. Ordinarily a bank, by law, is permitted to provide first mortgage financing only to buyers with a 20 per cent down payment. Even in a reasonable market, that puts home ownership out of reach for many.

But thanks to CMHC (and to two other private insurers), Canadians need to provide only a five-per-cent down payment, for homes valued up to

\$1 million.

This insurance protects the lender, not the borrower. Upon default, the insurance company pays the bank, then pursues the borrower. As for the premium (which can be as much as 3.85 per cent of the amount borrowed), it is added to the debt. On a \$500k loan, that's another 20 grand — which, on a loan of half a million dollars, doesn't seem like much.

But it is. This will be painfully apparent when interest rates eventually go up. Payments on these massive loans might be manageable at 2.5 per cent, but at five, six or 10, they'll be impossible.

The market will fill with houses that people have to sell, and houses mortgaged beyond their value will be unsellable. The defaulted loans will be enforced by the insurers — including the taxpayersubsidized CMHC — which will take the hit for any loss.

Despite collecting premiums, CMHC has in the past been in a loss position when the real-estate market has crashed.

In order to cool the market without causing a crash, the federal government is introducing changes to the insured-mortgage rules effective Feb. 15, 2016, increasing the down payment to 10 per cent for the portion of a home value greater than \$500k. In a falling market, this minimal equity will quickly vanish.

Lenders hand out money at low rates, and we gobble it up, borrowing beyond our means to buy houses at inflated prices.

It's been quite the banquet. And if this banquet ends with a crash, even those of us who never borrowed a penny will be chipping in to pay the bill.

Diane Baker Mason is a Toronto-based novelist, writer and retired lawyer.

ROSEMARY

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The Bowie handbook for a crazy, creative, ever changing life

The first time I listened closely to David Bowie, I couldn't see the stars at all.

I was driving B.C.'s switchback, two-lane Sea-to-Sky highway at night, while construction crews laboured to widen the roads. The looming spotlights and dust kicked up by heavy machines obscured everything around the car.

I couldn't see more than a dozen metres ahead, and it felt like navigating some robot-strewn future, listening to a mixtape of Bowie, who seemed to be singing from somewhere beyond this world.

One chord from Ziggy Stardust, and the picture appears: me, young and truly alone for the first time, trying to make something of myself in a strange town. Dust, lights and

Many others will tell you, better than I could, what David Bowie meant to fashion, to finance, to music, to ideas of gender. But his effect on our notions of who and what we could be - that it is his most revolutionary legacy.

The David Bowie handbook for living would include such points as: You don't need to pick an identity, as you are infinitely changeable. Feel free to wear pants as large as you like. Weird is sexy. Never take half-steps in make-believe. Don't worry about gender conformity. Don't worry about fluid sexuality. Be insanely productive.

The foremost ideal he portrayed was freedom. Second was gall. Both made him very rich, which was undoubtedly part of the calculation, but his wealth doesn't lessen the message.

I never became an avowed fan. I can't list off all his alter egos in chronological order and match his elaborate outfits to his world tours. But you didn't have to be a fan to understand the way he ignored the rules. And there could have been no better soundtrack to that summer, driving the highway at night and dreaming of who I could be.

Bowie will be remembered as a genius of the level few could aspire to. But there's nothing stopping anyone from aspiring to his approach to life, if to less dazzling and lucrative ends.

"I thought he was a vampire! I thought he'd live forever!" one colleague quipped, after word broke that Bowie died of cancer.

Few knew he was sick. Few believed he could die. But you really can't avoid it - even if you're Bowie. Eventually, you run out of costume changes. There's no more time to contribute to the world. There is no more time for shapeshifting.

With whatever time you have, why hold back when you could more like Bowie?



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WAYS WE WILL REMEMBE DAVID BOWIE

As the world mourns the death of the legendary David Bowie, Metro looks at how the shapeshifting genius influenced pop culture for more than half a CENTURY METRO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/AFP

The Songs



Long before alter egos and wild outfits became commonplace in pop, Bowie turned the music world upside down with the release of the 1972 album, The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars which introduced one of music's most famous personas.

Ziggy Stardust was a concept album that imagined a rock star from outer space trying to make his way in the music world. The persona — the redheaded, eyeliner-wearing Stardust — would become an enduring part of his legacy, and a touchstone for the way entertainers packaged themselves for years

to come. Bowie scored hit after hit over more than four decades, ranging from Changes, Starman, and Rebel Rebel, to Heroes, Ashes to Ashes and 1981's Under Pressure.

2 The Movies

Bowie will always be remembered for his tightpants-wearing turn as Jareth the Goblin King in the 1986 fantasy-adventure film



Martin Scorcese's controversial The Last Temptation of Christ and

Nikola Tesla in Christopher Nolan's thriller The Prestige.



David Bowie's mug shot from a 1976 pot bust. CONTRIBUTED

3 The Man

"My entire career, I've only really worked with the same subject matter," Bowie told The Associated Press in 2002. "The trousers may change, but the actual words and subjects I've always chosen to write with are things to do with isolation, abandonment, fear and anxiety — all of the high points of one's life."

During his career, Bowie famously declared himself bisexual in the 1970s. In a 1983 Rolling Stone article he called the declaration the biggest mistake he ever made, qualifying that comment to Blender magazine in 2002 to say "I don't think it was a mistake in Europe, but it was a lot tougher in America."

In the 1980s he famously and publicly challenged MTV on its refusal to play black music videos on air.





You may not think of Bowie as a Christmas artist, but his 1977 duet of Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy with Bing Crosby is a perennial favourite during the holiday season thanks to annual play on MuchMusic in the 1980s and '90s and millions of YouTube views. Bowie recorded a duet for the song **Under Pressure** with Queen in 1982, and performed it live with Annie Lennox. Other notable collaborations include the legendary Dancing in the Street with Mick Jagger, and Hallo Spaceboy with Nine Inch Nails and also the F o o

The Fashion

Bowie - with his outrageous alter egos - was as renowned for his image and influence on fashion design as he was for his music.

From the much-copied lightning-flash face paint of Aladdin Sane, the oversize shoulders and white shirt collars of Thin White Duke to the trilby hat and floppy fringe of the alien he played in the movie The Man that Fell to Earth, Bowie for decades boldly broke boundaries in style and gender with his influential looks.

at right), Dior, Saint Laurent and Dries Van Noten and fashion-conscious actresses such as Tilda seasons have turned the clocks back to the glam

Then there was, of course, 1972's flame-orangehaired **Ziggy Stardust** — his most recognizable invention. Jean Paul Gaultier (a Ziggy-inspired design from a 2013 Gaultier collection is shown Swinton all owe Bowie a lot. Trends in recent rock of the 1970s and '80s — a Bowie signature.



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Cause close to her heart — and pocketbook







Images of Winfrey working out appear while she talks about her struggles with weight loss in a new Weight Watchers commercial. YOUTUBE/SCREENSHOT

THE SHOW: Weight Watchers commercial **THE MOMENT: Oprah's mani-**

Dressed in expensive lounge-wear and gold jewellery, Oprah Winfrey sits on plush outdoor furniture and gazes at her bestie, the camera. "Inside every overweight woman is a woman she knows she can be," she intones with enough gravitas to power two confessions, three commencement speeches and a State of the Union address. Piano music begins to play.

Many times you look in a mirror and you don't recognize yourself. Because you've gotten lost. Buried in the weight. That you carry." Images of Winfrey working out appear. "Nothing you've ever been through is wasted," she goes on. "So every time I tried and failed has brought me to this most powerful moment." The music

First of all, I hope that Oprah never crosses to the dark side. Because if she appeared on TV saying, "Let's take over the financial system," or "Everyone should kill her spouse," people would do it - she is that convincing. Second, I was surprised that

she was shilling so hard for Weight Watchers — I mean, yeah, weight loss is part of good general health, but she sounds like a shrink delivering a world-shaking manifesto, like she's curing cancer, ending global warming and solving our childhood issues all at once.

Then I found out that last October, she bought 10 per cent of the company, for \$43.2 million - and that the stock value has tripled since. Her shares are now worth \$148

Last week, after the initial spots aired, the stock went up again. No wonder she sounds so passionate.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Howard reacts to Leo's acceptance speech

First Nations actor Duane Howard admits he "choked up" when The Revenant star Leonardo DiCaprio dedicated his Golden Globe trophy to indigenous communities around the world. Howard says he and his friends were watching in Vancouver when DiCaprio took the stage on Sunday to claim the best dramatic film actor award for his role in the 19thcentury survival epic.

DiCaprio shared the award with "all the First Nations people represented in this film and all the indigenous communities around the world." Howard plays lead Arikara warrior Elk Dog in the drama, which was partly shot in Alberta and British Columbia and features dozens of local



Duane Howard. GETTY IMAGES

actors and crew members. He calls DiCaprio's speech "really meaningful," and says he'd like to see more meticulous portray-als of indigenous culture come out of Hollywood.

The Revenant also earned Golden Globes for best dramatic film and for director Alejandro Inarritu. DiCaprio plays fur trapper Hugh Glass, who is left for dead after being attacked by a bear. Desperate to survive, he braves icy waters and an unforgiving wilderness in search of the hunting team that left him behind.

"It is time we recognize your history and that we protect your indigenous lands from corporate interests and people that are out there to exploit them," DiCaprio said in his acceptance speech. "It is time that we heard your voice and protected this planet for future

Howard said Monday from Vancouver that he was moved by DiCaprio's words. "That's really meaningful when a Hollywood celebrity like that reaches out to the world and acknowledges us First Nations people like that, that means something," he said. "Hollywood's got to be more open to us, as First Nations people of this land.... More and more of these films have to come out."

The Canadian cast also includes child actor Isaiah Tootoosis from the Poundmaker First Nation, who plays Hugh's son, and Grace Dove, as Hugh's wife. The film's visual effects supervisor was the B.C-based Cameron Waldbauer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Playing pregnancy roulette

HEALTH POLICY

Canada lags behind other nations in birth control access

Liz Brown Metro | Canada



When her period comes each month, Anne Wilson* breathes a sigh of relief. "I'm like, oh thank God," she says, laughing nervously.

The 31-year-old Toronto entrepreneur doesn't want to play roulette with pregnancy, but she's left with few options due to health issues that prevent her from using most forms of birth control.

At present, she and her partner use condoms, but, "I can tell you we're not using them perfectly 100 per cent of the time," she says.

Doctors have advised her that her only option is an IUD. Wilson's painful menstrual cramps remove the copper IUD from her list of options — it's known to exacerbate cramps in some women — leaving her with two remaining choices: hormonal IUDs Mirena and Jaydess.

But Wilson can't afford either — both cost upwards of \$300 and subsidized birth control clinics don't offer them.

"I'm just starting a business so I'm always worried about when money is coming in, and these costs add up," she says. "I wish there were more options." Wilson isn't alone.

According to the Canadian Contraception Consensus report from the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, 15 per cent of sexually active Canadian women aren't using any form of birth control and 20 per cent are using a form of birth control inconsistently. And according to the World Health Organization, 51 per cent of pregnancies in North America were unintended in 2012 (a stat that

includes pregnancies that were not carried to term).

Low-income women are twice as likely to use no contraceptives compared to the highest earners. And one third of Canadian women will have an induced abortion at some point in their life. Simply put, Canadian women are facing enough barriers to birth control that a substantial number are risking unplanned pregnancy each month.

"When we look around the world, Canada is one of the only societies that pays for universal health care ... but doesn't provide free contraception," says Dr. Wendy Norman, chair of the Contraception Access Research Team (CART) at the University of British Columbia. "The number one barrier that we've identified for women accessing birth control is cost," she adds.

The United States, 11 countries in Europe, the U.K., Australia and New Zealand all provide a universal subsidy for contraception.

In Canada, however, affordable birth control is provided to those in need through a patchwork of sexual health clinics funded by public health authorities. While these clinics do offer affordable options such as oral contraceptives ranging from free to \$10 per month, or five-year copper IUDs for \$60, many women find it difficult to access these services due to limited drug choices, clinic hours and long wait times.

Catherine Datta, the north/east manager of the Toronto Sexual Health Clinics, calls her clinics "oversubscribed," noting in 2014, over 63,000 people visited them and sometimes experienced wait times of more than two hours.

"The hours (of subsidized birth control clinics) don't support the people who may use them the most," agrees Pam Krause, executive director of the Calgary Sexual Health Centre. According to Krause, the clinics in Calgary have hours similar to school and offices, making it difficult for teens

or single working mothers to visit them.

That leaves many women using condoms or withdrawal for birth control, two methods with the highest rates of failure — 21 per cent failure for condoms over one year of typical use, and a 22 per cent failure for withdrawal over one year of typical use, according to research from Princeton University in 2011. In contrast, less than 1 per cent of women using an IUD will become pregnant over one year.

"Because the least effective contraceptive methods cause the most pregnancies, it costs the health system much more than it would to provide a more expensive option because so fewer pregnancies result when consumers use the most effective methods (which are the most expensive)," says Norman. According to Dr. Norman, frequecessible birth control is one of the easiest ways to reduce costs on the health care system.

American research shows that the nation's publicly-funded clinics — which provide access to free or subsidized birth control — saved the U.S. \$13.6 billion in 2010, or about \$7 for every public dollar spent.

And a study from St. Louis, Mo., conducted between 2007 and 2011 involving 10,000 young women given the option of various methods of free birth control resulted in a dramatic drop in unintended pregnancy.

The annual rate of pregnancy for participants in the study was 34 per 1,000 women, compared to a U.S. national average of 57 per 1,000.

About 75 per cent of the participants opted for long-acting IUDs, where in contrast, only about 2 per cent of the general female population in the U.S. use an IUD.

"We can see as soon as a subsidy is brought in, particularly for highly effective methods like IUDs, the population shifts towards using them," says Norman.

"In Canada we don't have much research to guide us. This (contraceptive access) hasn't ever been a core principle within public health," she adds.

In both the U.S. and U.K., extensive research has been done on contraceptive use and access in those countries. Norman is working to amass similar data through CART's projects. Her group has been conducting surveys in B.C. to get a better idea of the rates of unintended pregnancy and prevalence of contraceptive use and some of this research will be published later this year.

They are also looking at alternative ways to offer contraceptives to make access easier for women. Currently, in B.C. and Quebec, nurses can prescribe oral contraceptives and Dr. Norman says her group has consulted with the College of Pharmacists in B.C. about offering contraceptives over the counter without a prescription.

Pharmacists would require additional training and be asked to administer blood pressure checks and health background questionnaires to women wanting to access contraception.

On Jan. 1, Oregon became the first state in the U.S. to allow pharmacists to prescribe oral contraceptives and the patch, and California is expected to follow suit in March.

"This would provide exceptional ability for people — especially in rural areas — to access contraception," says Dr. Norman. "These drugs are very safe."

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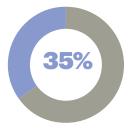
BIRTH CONTROL BY THE NUMBERS



One in three Canadian women will have an abortion in their lifetime

\$13.6B

The money the U.S. government saved in social and health care costs in 2010 by funding family planning programs



The percentage of sexually active Canadian women using no contraception, or contraception inconsistently

SOURCE: CANADIAN CONTRACEPTION CONSENSUS REPORT 2015, THE SOCIETY OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS OF CANADA



Daniel Nestor

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NHL commissioner Gary Bettman is pushing Calgary to begin work on a new arena for the Flames



Nestor the first on ATP Tour to win 1,000 2-on-2 matches

Canadian tennis star Daniel Nestor boasts one of the most impressive resumés in the sport.

Twelve-time Grand Slam champion. Olympic champion. Eighty-eight career tournament victories and, after his first-round win Monday, 1,000 career doubles victories.

Nestor has used a powerful serve, impressive return game and crafty net play to become one of the best doubles players in the game. At 43, the lanky left-hander from Toronto keeps getting results, often stepping up in big moments when a match is on the line.

"When it comes to (being) clutch, I think he raises his level," said former partner Frederic Niemeyer. "That's why he's winning those big titles over and over. When it's time to break the other team, he gets the job done."

Nestor's latest milestone came at the Apia International Sydney event, a warmup stop ahead of the Australian Open. He teamed with Brazil's Marcelo Melo for a 6-4, 6-4 win over France's Jeremy Chardy and India's Leander Paes in men's doubles play.



I think he's one of the best, if not the best volleyer of all-time.

Frederic Niemeyer, former partner

With the win, Nestor became the first player in ATP Tour history to record 1,000 doubles victories over his career. Only three players - Jimmy Connors, Ivan Lendl and Roger Federer — have reached the 1,000-win milestone in singles play.

"It's really special making it to 1,000 especially having my family here with me," Nestor said. "They made the long trip to Australia kind of for this reason. A special moment like this, it's really important to share it with others, the people that have been with me through thick and thin and through most of the victories." Ham pered by

injuries at times early in his career when he played more singles matches, Nestor blossomed when he focused on the fourman game. Niemeyer said that Nestor's long reach allows him to cut the ball off and prevent opponents from finding open space.

times, three-quarters of the court," Niemeyer said. "So that's why he can fit with any game style ... he can adapt his style with his partner. You can't say

victories came with Mark Knowles (464 wins, 40 titles). He also enjoyed successful runs with Nenad Zimonjic (227 wins, 27 titles), Max Mirnyi (90 wins, eight titles) and Canada's Sebastien

came with Lareau at the 2000 Sydney Games when they upset Australian favourites Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde to win gold.

"The gold medal, for sure, was probably the initial highlight, winning here in Sydney in 2000 against the Woodies and their hometown crowd," Nestor said.

Monsters mangle **Moose**

It's official: Michael Chaput is a Moose killer.

Chaput notched a goal and a pair of helpers as his Lake Erie Monsters dominated the Manitoba Moose 7-3 Monday night in front of 5,581 at MTS Centre.

Entering Monday with seven goals on the season, the 23-year-old Chaput now has five markers and three assists in five meetings with Manitoba — all resulting in Lake Erie victories.

Moose netminder Eric Comrie - arguably the busiest goaltender in the league — was mercifully yanked after allowing five goals on 26 shots early in the third.

The 10-20-1-3 Moose suffered their third-straight loss and now sit 19 points out of a playoff spot with the secondworst record in the American Hockey League.

Midway through the third period, the Moose bookended three goals in a fervent 40-second span. Recently reassigned Winnipeg Jet Paul Postma's wrister found its way through traffic on the power play, quickly followed by Lake Erie's Joe Devin 29 seconds later. Manitoba's Jiri Fronk then notched his third professional goal in just his 12th game this season.

Manitoba has a chance for some redemption on Wednesday when they host the Monsters again.

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🔁 SMASHING NUMBERS

22 - Nestor has won at least one men's doubles title per year for 22 straight years.

.708 — His doubles winning percentage (1,000-412).

108 — The number of weeks he's been ranked No. 1, which is fifth all-time.

12 - The number of Grand Slam titles he has won eight in men's doubles, four

12 — Players who have won the career Golden Slam of all four majors and Olympic gold, Nestor being one of



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Identifying with Walsh's pain

Paul McCallum also missed a vital field goal, felt fans' rage

Paul McCallum knows all about what it's like being the face of a team's playoff failure.

In 2004, he missed two field goals - including a chance to win in overtime — in the Saskatchewan Roughriders' 27-25 West Division final loss to the B.C. Lions. The 23-year CFL veteran kicker was the target of numerous threats from angry fans while his home was pelted with eggs and manure dumped on his lawn.

So McCallum can certainly relate to Minnesota kicker Blair Walsh, whose missed 27-yard field goal with 22 seconds remaining handed the Seattle Seahawks a stunning 10-9 NFC wild-card road Sunday. Predictably, irate Vikings fans flocked to social media afterwards wishing Walsh would die or predicting his impending death.

'It's not that people need to blame someone, it's that they



Vikings kicker Blair Walsh missed the game-winning field goal against the Seahawks on Sunday. NAM Y. HUH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

have to and it's ridiculous," McCallum said Monday via telephone from Vancouver. "We get paid to

kick a ball be- Paul tween two posts, McCallum let's put that into GETTY IMAGES perspective.

"You want to yell and scream at the game? Go ahead. But now you take it outside and go to the extent of sending (death wishes)? Now those things need to be taken just as seriously as if it was someone in an office making (those wishes).

Walsh made an NFL-high 34 field goals this season and connected three times - including from 47 yards out - against Seattle. But he hooked his final attempt, made into the wind in -32 C conditions with the laces turned in on the hold.

"It looked like all he was trying to do was get it up because he changed his form a little bit," McCallum said. "He was trying to compensate a little bit and pulled it."

McCallum, 46, downplayed the roles the laces, weather or pressure of the moment had on Walsh missing.

"Everyone saw he kicked the 47-yarder with the laces and it was good, he hit it fine," McCal-



It's not that people need to blame someone, it's that they have to and it's ridiculous.

Paul McCallum

lum said. "The pressure, that's just the job, it doesn't matter.

Walsh's miss took attention away from Minnesota's struggling offence. Not only did the unit fail to score a touchdown, NFL rushing leader Adrian Peterson managed just 45 yards rushing on 23 carries. His second-half fumble also allowed Seattle to kick a field goal for the 10-9 lead.

But that was of little solace to some Vikings fans, who posted videos on Twitter of individuals successfully kicking 27yard field goals in snowy, cold conditions.

McCallum said it's important Walsh have both a thick skin and short memory.

"He's a very good kicker," McCallum said. "Don't let one mistake define your career." THE CANADIAN PRESS



CFL IN BRIEF

Saskatchewan acquires **Redblacks receiver Price**

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have acquired international receiver Maurice Price from the Ottawa Redblacks for their sixth-and seventh-round picks in the 2016 CFL draft.

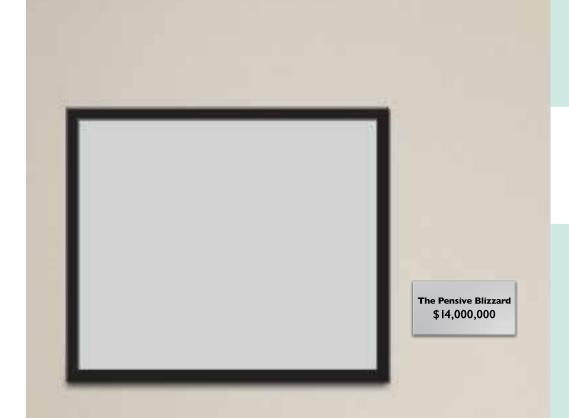
Saskatchewan also gets Ottawa's sixth-round pick in the deal. Price started all 18 games last year as part of Ottawa's dangerous offence, contributing 58 catches for 603 yards and a touchdown. The Roughriders also signed defensive back Derrius Brooks. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kicker Whyte extends deal with champions Edmonton

The Edmonton Eskimos signed Canadian kicker Sean Whyte to a one-year contract Monday.

The B.C. native hit on one-of-three field goals and added a convert in the Eskimos' 26-20 Grey Cup win over the Ottawa Redblacks. Whyte, entering his eighth CFL season, has made 211of-251 career field goal tries (84.1 per cent) and 217-of-218 converts.

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RECIPE Kale Pesto Pizza



Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh For Metro Canada

You've got leftover kale from yesterday's dinner, right? Can you think of anything better to do with it than pizza? We can't either!

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Prep time: 30 minutes **Serves 4**

Ingredients

- 3/4 bunch kale, cleaned and tough stems removed
- 1/4 cup of chopped onion
- · 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 1/4 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil • 1 package frozen whole
- wheat pizza dough
- 1/4 cup corn meal
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese • 1/2 cup fresh, shaved Parmesan cheese
- 2 Tbsp all-purpose flour drizzle of extra virgin olive oil

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 425 F.
 2. In a large pan, heat oil over medium heat. Add garlic and onion and sauté until translucent, about 3 minutes. Add kale and stir. Cover and allow kale to wilt, about 6 to 8 minutes. Place everything in a food processor. Pulse until it becomes the texture of a fine pesto. Set aside.
- 3. Place the cornmeal on a flat surface and flour your rolling pin. Roll out the dough until it's about an inch thick. Place on a baking sheet or pizza stone. Brush oil onto dough. Spread the kale pesto evenly across the surface of the dough. Using a tablespoon, place dollops of ricotta randomly on the pie. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
- **4.** Place pizza stone or baking sheet in the oven. Cook for 10 to 12 minutes, or until crust is crispy and cheese is bubbling.

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Taurus April 21 - May 21
You seem reluctant to voice your opinion, even though you have something of value to say. Overcome your doubts and express yourself in a way that everyone can understand.

Gemini May 22 - June 21 It may seem as if someone you work or do business with has been cheating you but the planets warn you can't trust your senses, so don't say or do anything, at least not until you can see things a little more clearly.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You won't have trouble persuading others to back your ideas but you may have some trouble later on if they don't work out as expected.
Don't make promises you can't keep.

A habit is holding you back and you're desperate to get rid of it. But in getting rid of one bad habit you could so easily replace it with another that is ten times worse.

W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It may be fun pointing out the inadequacies of people in positions of authority but be careful. The last thing you need is to create enemies of those who have the power to make things difficult for you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't take what you're told at face value today — check the facts for yourself. What others say may sound convincing but you're only being told part of the story.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be resentful that changes are being imposed but there is no point making a fuss about it. Go with the flow. You will get the chance to change things back again later on.

■ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Resist the temptation to embellish facts or deceive people today. It may seem like the easy thing to do but in the long-term you are sure to regret it. You have a well-deserved reputation for honesty — don't lose it.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be inclined to rely on your intuition today but the planets warn against it. Stick to the facts and, where relationships are concerned, err on the side of caution.

Reel in your fears. Take your mind off your worries by focusing on the things you have to be thankful for. By the time you get through them the day will be over — and tomorrow will be more to your liking.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20 Don't take friends for granted. Those who think highly of you will help out, but if they find out you've been playing mind games they won't be happy.

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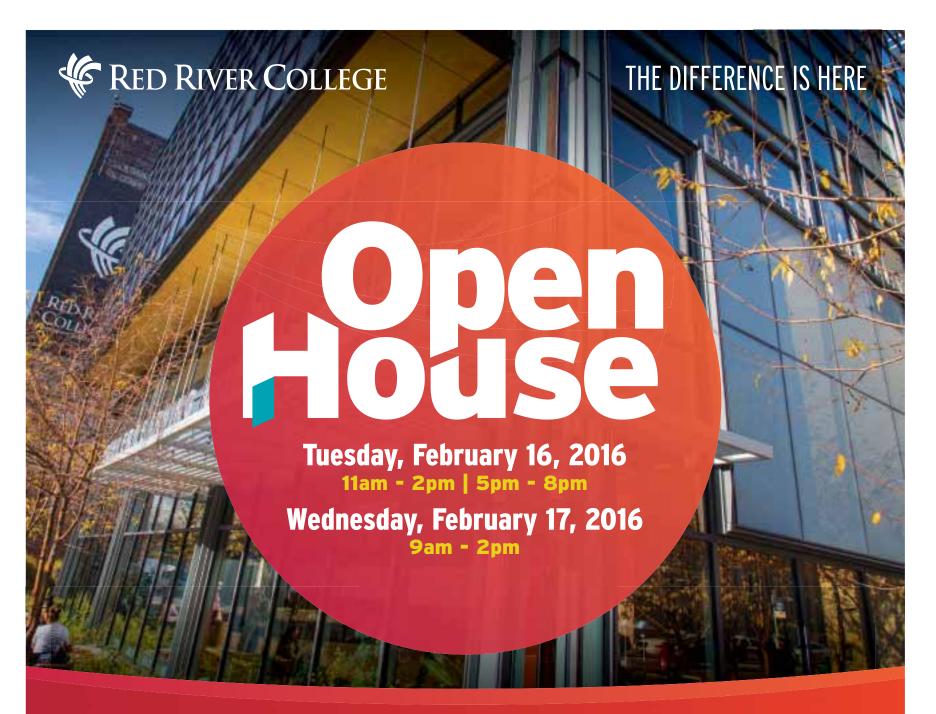
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